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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO TURKEY TO JOIN THE CONTACT GROUP ON  
SOMALI PIRACY

REF: A. ANKARA 02155 B. STATE 133199

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE HANDLE ACCORDINGLY.

¶1. (SBU) This is an Action Request, please see para. 3.

¶2. (SBU) Following the Government of Turkey,s formal offer  
of at least one frigate with air element embarked to support  
counter piracy operations off the coast of Somalia, the  
Department concurs with Embassy Ankara,s support for  
Turkey,s request (Ref A) to be included in the Contact Group  
on Somali Piracy (CGSP).

¶3. (SBU) Action Request: Embassy Ankara is instructed to  
approach appropriate GOT officials per the instructions found  
in Ref B. Post should additionally note our appreciation for  
Turkey,s readiness to support the CGSP with military assets.

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